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SUBJECT: CVT TO REMAIN AFFILIATED WITH WCL

1. TRAN QUOC BUU TOLD LABATT THAT HE AND THE CVT COUNCIL HAD CHANGED THEIR MINDS ABOUT DISAFFILIATING WITH THE WORLD CONGRESS OF LABOR (WCL).

2. THIS DECISION PUTS OFF THE INTENDED AFFILIATION WITH THE ICFTU THAT ORIGINALLY WAS INTENDED TO FOLLOW DISAFFILIATION WITH THE WCL. BUU CONTENDS THAT BECAUSE THERE ARE THREE CVT FEDERATIONS AFFILIATED WITH INTERNATIONAL TRADE SECRETARIES WHICH ARE AFFILIATED WITH THE ICFTU THAT CVT IS NOT WITHOUT "CONTACT" WITH ICFTU.

3. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT THE DECISION NOT TO LEAVE WCL WAS PROBABLY DUE TO THE INCREASED EXPECTATION OF A MERGER OF THE ICFTU AND THE WCL. BUU AND THE CVT COUNCIL ARE VERY MUCH AWARE OF THE RECENT FORMATION OF THE EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CONGRESS (ETUC). IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE ETUC WILL SERIOUSLY AFFECT THE FINANCES

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OF THE ICFTU AND THE WCL TO THE POINT THAT IT WILL NOT BE

LONG BEFORE BOTH ORGANIZATIONS SEE THE NEED TO MERGE.
WITH THIS PROSPECT IN MIND THE CVT CAN MAINTAIN GOOD
RELATIONS WITH BOTH ORGANIZATIONS WHILE THEY SORT OUT THEIR
DIFFERENCES.
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